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SUBJ: CCMS: COSTAL WATER POLLUTION--OIL SPILLS RESOLUTIONS
FOLLOW-UP MEETING AT NATO, SEPTEMBER 26-27, 1974

PLEASE PASS DOT/COAST GUARD CAPT WALLACE AND COMM SIPES
AND NOAA JAMES HEBARD

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1. BELGIAN NATO DEL HAS CIRCULATED NOTE WITH
ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON SUBJECT MEETING. MEETING WILL
TAKE PLACE IN ROOM 17 AT NATO HEADQUARTERS, BEGINNING EACH
DAY AT 1000 AM. RENSON (REF A) WILL BE CHAIRMAN. RENSON'S TITLE IS
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMES FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
ON THE ENVIRONMENT, BELGIAN MINISTRY OF SCIENTIFIC POLICY.
RENSON WILL ENTERTAIN THE VISITING EXPERTS, PLUS NATO DELEGA-
TION OFFICERS CONCERNED, AT COCKTAILS IN THE SALON DE
AMBASSADEURS AT NATO HEADQUARTERS ON THURSDAY EVENING
SEPTEMBER 26 AT 1830 HOURS.

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2. BELGIAN NOTE REITERATES FACT THAT BASIC OIL SPILLS
RESOLUTION AS ADOPTED BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL
CALLED FOR TOTAL ELIMINATION OF DELIBERATE OIL SPILLS
AT SEA BY 1975 IF POSSIBLE AND BY 1980 AT THE LATEST.

CONSIDERING THAT FIRST PERIOD 1970-75 HAS NEARLY REACHED FULL TERM, IT IS APPROPRIATE TO EXAMINE RESULTS OBTAINED AND TO DETERMINE THE TASKS STILL TO BE ACCOMPLISHED. TO THAT END, DELEGATIONS TO THE MEETING SHOULD BE ABLE TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN APPLIED THUS FAR, AS WELL AS ON THEIR FUTURE APPLICABILITY. BELGIAN NOTE ADDS THAT THE DISCUSSION SHOULD ILLUMINATE WHY CERTAIN PROJECTED AIMS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED, IN ORDER TO DEVELOP FURTHER MEASURES FOR PROPOSAL TO CCMS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM THE NATO SECRETARIAT CCMS PROJECTS OFFICER (SPIELMAN--USA), WHO HAS JUST MET WITH RENSON ON MEETING PREPARATIONS, THAT RENSON IS HIGHLY SATISFIED WITH THE OUTLOOK FOR THE MEETING. HE EXPECTS ABOUT 10 ALLIED COUNTRIES TO BE REPRESENTED. ONLY GREECE, ICELAND, LUXEMBOURG, NORWAY AND TURKEY AT THE POINT SEEM UNLIKELY TO ATTEND. SERVING AS CO-CHAIRMAN WILL BE MR. KEN YUEN OF CANADA, A CLOSE COLLABORATOR OF RENSON'S IN RECENT YEARS WHO ALSO SERVED AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE 1970 CCMS OIL SPILLS MEETING. THE MEETING'S OBJECTIVES WILL BE INITIALLY TWO FOLD: FIRST, TO EVALUATE RESULTS THUS FAR IN IMPLEMENTING THE FOUR RESOLUTIONS AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE BASIC OBJECTIVE CAN BE ACHIEVED BY 1975; SECOND, TO DECIDE WHICH RESOLUTIONS SHOULD RECEIVE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION AND FOLLOW-UP. AS RENSON HADALREADY INDICATED TO US (REF A), HE BELIEVES THAT OF THE FOUR PRINCIPAL OIL SPILLS RESOLUTION HEADINGS (PREVENTION, SCIENTIFIC ASPECTS, TECHNOLOGICAL ASPECTS, AND PLANNING AND ACTION), THE TECHNOLOGICAL ASPECTS WILL BE OF PRINCIPAL INTEREST FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURTHER FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY.

4. RENSON ALSO INFORMED SPIELMAN THAT THE THIRD INTERIM REPORT ON NORTH SEA MODELING WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND THAT PLANS ARE TO HOLD A CONFERENCE IN MARCH 1975 TO DRAFT A FINAL REPORT
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